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<p style="text-align: center;">AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION</p> <p>Address to: Mail Stop: AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	Attorney Docket No.	DURE-021
	Confirmation No.	8010
	First Named Inventor	Irving K. Arenberg
	Application Number	09/205,251
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	Group Art Unit	3763
	Examiner Name	Stigell, Theodore J.
	Title:	<i>“Controlled Release System for Delivering Therapeutic Agents into the Inner Ear”</i>

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2011, for which a 3-month period for reply was given, making this response due by July 18, 2011. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are provided beginning on page 2 of this paper. Applicants submit that these amendments place the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.